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Readers Say—

Juvenile Delinquency and the Church

To the Editor:

Our law enforcement agencies have the responsibility of caring for juveniles who have become *delinquents,* but the Church has the more challenging opportunity of *preventing* juvenile delinquency.

The Bible advises us to "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart therefrom" (Prov. 22:6). No thinking Christian would question the urgency of such a command. Nor should we marvel at the many pronouncements that "Juvenile delinquency is the product of adult delinquency." We would not question the primary influence of the church and the home in the prevention of juvenile delinquency, but the question that faces us specifically is: "How can the church help prevent juvenile delinquency?"

It is not enough to simply announce our traditional youth classes, organizations, and activities. It takes ministers and laymen who are dedicated to the proposition that "The youth are a part of the church today," who will give of themselves unstintingly in a dynamic program of youth activities, and who will ask God for a "consecrated imagination."

Of course the prime requisite in a program of preventing delinquency is an attractive emphasis leading to full commitment to Christ. But beyond that, we must make provision for their social life, as well as the spiritual. We cannot suggest that certain social practices are not acceptable among Christians, unless we substitute an acceptable activity; otherwise we leave them completely frustrated in a "social vacuum." We should not wonder that some of our youth rebel at a purely negative approach to their problems.

The Church which proclaims only the "Social Gospel" exposes its youth to all of Satan's allures, without pointing them to new life in Christ. On the other hand, the evangelical church which does not properly guide its youth in things social, will find that many of them will yield to the pressures and allurements of our day. Only when Christ is the Lord of every facet of their lives—individual and social—will our youth discover that His is the "more abundant life."

E. CLARK ROBB

Spokane, Wash.

Is Franco Insane?

To the Editor:

Is Dictator Franco insane? Here is an excerpt from an article, "Spain Today," in *The Sign* (Roman Catholic) for October 1955: "Living space is scarce and dear . . . In the next block is a room where 26 people sleep every night, in two shifts, changing at 2:00 A.M." Yet Franco gives annual prizes to those who are doing most to keep up Spain's birthrate! One couple had twenty-two children. Many of the entrants had fifteen or more children.

Franco loves huge families, for America's taxpayers to support. The latest "hand-out" demanded by Franco-Spain ($1,000,045,000.00) is to be a "long term loan." Forever is a long, long term.

RAE TILDEN

Greenup, Ky.

Advice to Whitcomb

To the Editor:

What a drip that Paul S. Whitcomb must be! I suppose there is a purpose in printing his letter (*Action,* Sept. 1), but his screed seems to me so utterly stupid that it is not worth the good space it takes in your fine magazine.

I would advise him to see a good psychiatrist, or even suggest a "head-shrinker." On second thought I don't believe his bean could stand any further shrinkage. Maybe he'd better start attending church for a change—unless constructive thinking would pain him too much.

GEORGE H. WOOD

Canton, Pa.

"Purpose Is Political"

To the Editor:

You are to be congratulated on your editorial "World Council Trends," in the October 1 issue of *Action.* I see eye to eye with you on the "Ecumenical movement." I believe its real purpose is political and not spiritual.

IRVING E. HOWARD

New York City

For the Record

To the Editor:

Allow me to make a correction on the William F. Kerr item under "Personalia" in the Oct. 15 issue of *Action* magazine.

The new Judson Baptist College, a conservative Baptist Junior College offering a two-year liberal arts curriculum, has begun operation in facilities gratuitously provided by the Hinson Memorial Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, Dr. William F. Kerr, pastor. This school, a project of the CBA of Oregon, is directed by a board of trustees elected by the Association. Dr. Vance Webster is chairman of the board, under which an administrative committee of the board guides the school, composed of Rev. Russell Shive, Chairman, Dr. Ernest Malyon and Rev. Harry Wildeson.

HARRY WILDESON

Gladstone, Ore.

FRONT PAGE PHOTO.—The NAE World Relief Commission is sending hundreds of thousands of pounds of food to needy people like these in many parts of the world. This photo vividly tells the story of the great need and the thankful spirit shown by the recipients of our generosity in continental Europe.

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3. **We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.**
4. **We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.**
5. **We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.**
6. **We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.**
7. **We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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An NAE World Relief Thanksgiving Message

OVER HALF THE WORLD GOES TO SLEEP HUNGRY

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THANKSGIVING DAY will be observed by all America in just a few days. In this season of thankfulness to God for His bountiful provision Americans need to be reminded that over one-half of the world's population go to sleep each night hungry. Clothed in comfort and surrounded by luxury, Americans are almost completely unaware of the desperate need still existing on the part of hundreds of thousands of their fellowmen around the world.

Every year catastrophic happenings of nature bring tragedy to countless scores. Coupled with this are the ravages of war which bring misery, suffering and poverty in its wake. Although World War II ended a number of years ago, the effects will linger on for years to come. More recent wars in Korea, Indo-China and other countries have added to the numbers of distressed and needy people in our world.

Faced with human suffering and want, evangelical Christians have always felt a personal responsibility. And, although in recent years governmental and secular agencies have helped provide for the needy, Christians today realize that they can make a vital and distinct contribution in alleviating human distress by providing a complete relief. By sharing a loving Saviour along with the distribution of food and clothing, evangelicals can meet the total needs of suffering people.

Immediately after the war, in 1945, the National Association of Evangelicals established the War Relief Commission, later changing its name to World Relief Commission. This commission was formed to provide a channel for the provision of true Christian relief to displaced and refugee peoples. It has continued to function effectively since its inception to the present time.

The World Relief Commission is under the direction of Wendell L. Rockey. A recent move of its headquarters office to Long Island City has been part of laying the groundwork for an expanding program. The commission now has better office facilities, improved warehouse conditions, and an ideal location for delivery to both New York and Brooklyn piers.

Recently the commission secured membership in the International Cooperation Administration. This automatically extends to the commission the cooperation of the Department of Agriculture in the procurement of available surplus commodity foods.

The commission has received recognition from the Republic of Korea's Office of Supply. An excellent working arrangement has been established with the Oriental Missionary Society whereby all evangelicals in Korea are able to be supplied with food and clothing.

At a recent Board of Administration meeting of the NAE, director Wendell Rockey reported 124,648 pounds of good, clean wearable clothing had been shipped during the first nine months of this year. He also stated that since July 1st 420,427 pounds of food had been shipped bound for distribution to hospitals, orphanages, homes for the aged, the blind and the handicapped, and to poverty stricken families in Korea and Germany. With each bundle of food and clothing Christian literature is sent.

Christian relief through the World Relief Commission has gone to Austria, Belgium, China, Czechoslovakia, England, Finland, France, Formosa, Germany, Greece, Holland, Indo-China, Italy, Japan, Korea, Norway, the Philippines, Poland, Rumania and Trans-Jordan.

A vital ministry is being performed by the commission among the refugees who fled communist East Germany. To date more than one million refugees have entered Berlin from behind the Iron Curtain. Through the services of Mrs. Phoebe Elliott, a Bible Meditation League representative who has been loaned to the commission, much has been done to help alleviate their suffering. Gleanings from her reports serve to illustrate the need existing:

"*Arthur Groos,* disabled by war, brain trouble, his wife likewise very sick, seems to be in great strait, wishes to get some help in food and clothing.

"While writing this letter to you a middle-aged man called on me, and told me he was traveling home from the Russian Prison Camp, still wearing his old prison uniform, mostly rags. It really touches me when I see

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World Vision Photo

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR JOHNNY?

By ARVID F. CARLSON

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RESPONSIBILITY IS much like the weather. Everybody talks about it, but no one does anything about it. It is something we are constantly evading, even if we know it is right and necessary. It is not merely a religious or spiritual disease, but carries over into all other areas and aspects of life. Students blame their teachers if their grades are poor. Workers blame conditions if the product is inferior. Husbands blame their wives, and vice versa, if their marriage falters. Criminals blame society for their plight. And so it goes. "Buck-passing" is an ancient game—as old as the Garden of Eden. There is only one thing wrong with the analogy, nothing can be done about the weather, but a great deal can be done about our responsibility as creatures and children of God.

Having said this, it is quite in order to reiterate the importance of responsibility. Emil Brunner says that "responsibility is the definite characteristic of a human being . . . it is more than a mere aspect, or a quality, or a possession, it is the very essence of humanity." Life is an interwoven, interdependent, complex activity, in which every member and aspect of it is related to and dependent upon every other. "No man liveth unto himself and no man dieth unto himself." "Determinism" has long since left the stage of philosophy. It acted itself right out of the play. It cannot live by its own creed. Most rational people today recognize the tremendous interplay among all the elements of our society, but, strange to say, it is not so recognized in the Christian church. Any casual analysis of the "religious situation" will turn up a "lack of responsibility" as the prime factor for failure. The churches which make progress are those whose sense of responsibility has been greatly quickened. But, "total church responsibility" is a rarity in our times. That is the reason why the "Johnnys and the Bettys" in America are not being given a fair chance to know Christ through the agencies of the Church and the Sunday School.

Who Is Johnny?

Just *who is Johnny*? the simple answer would be, "Johnny is the boy in your home, the kid down the street, or next door, or that younster in your Sunday School class, multiplied by 12." But, he is a great deal more than that.

1. Statistically speaking, he represents the largest and most important age-segment in American life. The 1955 Yearbook of the Division of Christian Education cites the fact that USA population figures have increased 20% since 1940, but that the number of children under five has increased 67%, constituting 11% of our present total population. A recent monumental thirty-year survey by Protestant churches and the *Christian Herald* reported 22 million children under five years of age, with four million being born every year. According to the present rate of absorption into Cradle Rolls and Sunday Schools, we can hope to reach only one-half of this staggering number! The same report came up with several other significant statistics, each one pointing up our responsibility for the children and youth of America. For example, in 1926 the Sunday School enrollment was twenty-three million, as over against twenty-five million in the public schools. In 1956, there are thirty-eight million in Sunday School and thirty-one million in the public schools—an increase of 65% in Sunday School over 23% in the public school. The fallacy of the latter comparison is the fact that 40-50% of the thirty-eight million are *adults,* and cannot be compared with public school statistics. A bit of simple arithmetic will convince you of our responsibility to Johnny and this ever-increasing army of children and youth. Add the twenty-two million pre-school children to the thirty-one million already in school (which may not include parochial pupils) and you will have a total of fifty-three million children and young people under twenty-five years of age! Subtract at least 40% from the thirty-eight million enrolled in Sunday School (as adults) and you will have approximately twenty-three million units under twenty-five years of age accounted for by our

* An address delivered at the recent Chicago convention of the National Sunday School Association.

Sunday Schools. *But, where are the remaining thirty odd million?*

2. Socially speaking, Johnny is a different type of responsibility than formerly. He is certainly not the sheltered social unit of a half-century ago. He lives in a different age and in a different world. All of his concepts are different. His tools are not the same. His jobs and his future will vary greatly from his grandfather's. For with the short space of a half-century, life has completely run away with itself. Someone has pointed out that our technological advance has been greater in the last fity years than in the previous nineteen centuries put together. At the turn of the century, the Wright Brothers put a contraption into the air for twelve seconds, traveling 120 feet, at a fantastic speed of seven miles per hour. Fifty years later, jet planes streak through our skies at nearly twice the sonic barrier, which is 764 miles per hour. Within a space of fifty years, we have seen the development of radio, television, radar, jet propulsion, nuclear fission and guided missiles, not to say anything about the hundreds of items of advance in every field of endeavor, science, and merchandise. Today's "Johnny" is living in an ever-shrinking world, but in an ever-expanding universe!

Today's "Johnny" talks in terms of "space-ships," "fields of gravity" "ozone-layers," "atmosphere," "stratosphere," "ionosphere," and "meteorites." Someone put it well when he observed that "our children have accepted this as a normal thing . . . they have been living out in space for several years, while their parents have been trying to meet the payments for their homes on earth." Today's "Johnny" soars into mid-space, travels to other planets, and speculates concerning life thereon. He anxiously awaits the day when inter-planetary travel will become a reality. And, he doesn't have to base his dreams on Captain Video, Buck Rogers, or Flash Gordon! He has some definite scientific research as a basis for his imaginative excursions. 1957-58 has been declared, around the world, as the "International Geophysical Year." Next year, the United States will launch its first man-made satellite, eighteen inches in diameter, to travel around the earth some 300 miles above surface, at a speed of 18,000 m.p.h. This is no fiction world we live in, it is a world of reality, and it is high time we catch up. Make up your minds! This is the world in which our children live. The question before us as teachers and adults is simply this, "Where do *we* live?" We may need to be brought up-to-date ere we can answer the religious quest of this marching army of never-dying souls.

Nor is this all that has contributed to making a different boy out of Johnny. He has come under the influence of "Mass Media" today which has blasted his sheltered life to bits! There has been a wholesale invasion of his soul from every direction and area of life and the world around us. It is estimated that the average youngster five years old spends twenty-five hours per week in front of the television set, and that the average family TV viewing is in excess of thirty-five hours per week. Many of the programs are undesirable, but Johnny does not know that. No one bothers to tell him. There are twice as many programs of violence geared to children as to adults. Prior to 1935 there were no comic books in America. In 1953, sixty-three million comic books were coming off the press each month. Horror comics were not in vogue until 1950. These "mass-media" have introduced a different standard of life and ethics for Johnny, and cannot do anything else but make a powerful impact upon young and untrained minds who are totally incapable of coping with the problem of censorship. Let no one be fooled! One hour in Sunday School will not offset twenty-five hours per week in front of the TV set!

Furthermore, Johnny has been subjected to the social changes of a moving population. Millions of wives and mothers are at work in industry and commerce today. Children know their "baby-sitters" better than they know their parents. Due to the decentralization of industry, selective service, an urge to flock to the cities, and the two recent wars, our entire national population has experienced a tremendous shift of location and scenery. America is on wheels today! It is afflicted with a disease known as "migrantitis." 25% of Los Angeles County families move every year. The average family coming to California moves at least four times before it settles permanently, and this isn't all due to the "smog"! According to the *United States News and World Report*: "The rush to the suburbs is just starting. They will experience sensational growth the next twenty years. Almost all of the increase in population over the next twenty years will consist of growth in cities and their suburbs . . . cities will grow only 16%, while suburbs will expand 85% . . . All this has important meaning to business firms, local and national merchants, and to builders. In ten years, our suburban population will increase by twenty million." Let it be added that all of this will also have an important bearing on Johnny, as to whether he will grow up a pagan, or be reached for Christ!

A final contributing cause in the radical change of the last fifty years is a falling standard of ethics and morals. According to Dr. Wornum, executive secretary of the Religious Education Association, there were 50,000 pregnancies among fifteen year old unwed girls last year. Everyone is familiar with the falling average age of criminals. J. Edgar Hoover, on his 32nd anniversary as Head of the FBI, said that "Juvenile delinquency is now the number one major social problem in America." The sad thing about these conditions is that they are being accepted at face value, and as the status quo! We have lost our ability to blush at sin, as well as our zeal for righteousness. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."

These, then, are the factors which combine to produce a different pattern from that of fifty years ago. For one thing, Johnny is a "lonely person" today. The disruption of family life, the severing of lasting friendships, and the slippage in ethical standards, have made him an "isolationist" in more than one sense of the word. He is not a part of a stable pattern of social life. He has become a "spectator" rather than a "participator." Life has ceased to be productive and creative. Leading psychologists contend that the fundamental hunger of the human heart is for "love." Millions of Johnnys and Suzys are not getting it! Some years ago, America was horrified to learn that twenty-one of its young men had become "turn-coats" and had decided to stay in Red China. Virginia Pasley wrote a book in 1955, entitled *Stayed*, in which she set forth the causes of this behavior. She went to the home towns of these men, interviewing parents, teachers, and friends. After an

More than thirty million children and young people in America never go to church or Sunday School. Little is being done to win these millions to Christ. They constitute our "problem children" and are the nation's potential criminals of tomorrow.

exhaustive research, she collated and presented the following facts:

a) Nineteen of the twenty-one felt unloved and unwanted by fathers or step-fathers.
b) Seventeen did not finish high school.
c) Eighteen took no part in school activities or sports.
d) Sixteen were withdrawn, and played the roles of "lone wolves."
e) Three, but only three, had been in trouble with the authorities, and the offences were minor.
f) Twenty had never heard of Communism, except as a dirty word.
g) Their teachers manifested greater understanding than their parents.

The inescapable facts are that we are rearing a generation of Johnnys in America who know little of the "love of home" and still less of the "love of God." We cannot do too much to remedy the former, but it is our God-ordained duty to reveal to them the "Love of God in Christ."

3. Little space is needed to prove that Johnny is also our *spiritual responsibility*. Spiritually speaking, he will either gladden heaven or hell. He is not predestined for either, but he possesses the capacities for both! Spiritually speaking, he is a soul for whom Christ died, and for whom He would leave ninety-nine adults to save! No one ever put a higher premium on childhood than did the Lord Jesus Christ. "He took a child and set him in the midst of them." Offending a child is tantamount to "hell-fire." And methinks the offence can be committed by neglect as well as by open transgression. Unless the Church learns to "think young," she will "grow old" before her time! Spiritually speaking, these "Johnnys" are the future of the Church. Therefore, it is properly selfish of us to covet everyone of them for the Kingdom!

What Is Our Purpose?

Just *what* is our responsibility to Johnny? There seems to be a great deal of confused thinking at this point, also. We have not discharged our responsibility to this boy merely by enrolling him in Sunday School. He must become more than a *statistic* or a *number* in the file! Too many Sunday Schools follow out the principle of the penitentiary by giving every inmate a number! Of the three kinds of Sunday Schools — statistical, educational, and evangelistic—the former is the least desirable! Nor have we fulfilled our obligation to Johnny simply by teaching a good lesson, even though well-prepared and presented. Facts and ideas are never *ends* in themselves. There must be integration and interrelation, and a definite carry-over into everyday life. And, even if we succeed in reaching the home for the Church and the Sunday School, we have not discharged our complete duty.

Responsibility begins at the Cross, but it does not end there. Someone has said that "the Cross is the birthplace of responsibility." There is no question but that the New Tesament makes the Cross the focal point of both Redemption and Ethics. Nothing can be added to the great truth that "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself." But, neither can we take away or add anything to the responsibility that we are therefore "ambassadors for Jesus Christ," and that we ought to beseech every man in Christ's stead to be reconciled into God! Both privilege and responsiblity find a common center in Calvary, and unless some of that Holy Love which flowed crimson down from that Cross begins to grip us, we shall not fulfill our responsibility to Johnny!

Is Decision for Christ Enough?

Having said that, we must hasten to remind ourselves that there is more involved in reaching children for Christ than a mere "decision"—important and necessary as it is. Having reached a child for Christ only half solves his problem. What about the home environment? Are we interested in his nurture and character? Are we as concerned about changing his parents as we were concerned about him? If one set of standards is taught in Sunday School, and another in the home and in the public school, what will become of the tender shoot we have tried to plant in God's garden? Somehow, this problem is bigger than we know. It stretches farther into the future than we think! It is not only a problem for time, but for eternity. In 1937, Sir George Thomson received a Nobel prize in Physics. He recently wrote a volume entitled, *The Foreseeable Future,* in which he deals with all the facets of life, pertaining to food, transportation, housing, jobs, etc., as they will appear 100 years from now! "But," you say, "I am not interested in life 100 years from now. I will not be here, and neither will Johnny!" True enough, but if Christ tarries, your influence for Him will still be felt on this planet 100 years from now! Psychology has recorded famous case histories of the influence of hereditary and evironmental factors on character. If, according to God's word, consequences of sin can be visited upon the children to the third and fourth generations, can we not suppose that the fruits of faith and the benign influences of godliness will also be visited upon those for whose souls we strive? The Apostle Paul thanked God for the faith that was in Timothy, which had been also in his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice!

Who Is Responsible?

WHO is responsible for Johnny? And, for practical purposes, we must eliminate the public schools at this point. This is not to say that they are not interested in morals and ethics. Dr. Havighurst, of the University of Chicago, recently said that "moral character is the foundation of public and private morality, and is the objective of religious as well as secular education, even though it is learned on various levels." On the other hand, the secular school cannot implant the spiritual values which our Sunday Schools seek to provide. There is no such thing as having true ethics without a source-relationship. The public schools use the "Christmas-tree" approach to ethics. Just because the tree is still green by December 31st, does not mean it will be green by January 15th! Time will prove the fact that the tree cannot be severed from its life-giving source, and still produce its beauty. Thus, character, ethics, and morality cannot be severed from their real source in Jesus Christ and the Word of God, without suffering declension and decay!

The next group in line is the Church and the Sunday school. Two obstacles face us constantly in the matter of outreach. There are too few to carry the burden, and there is too little time in which to complete the task. We must revise our whole thinking in the matter of discharging our responsibility to the community's children. It demands a "total Church program." It will require an "all-out-effort" and concern. We have too long labored under the delusion that "professionals" can do the job. "Let the Pastor, the Sunday School Teacher, and the Youth Director take care of the youth. They are prepared for such a task." There are at least three things wrong with this conception. First of all, it evades a responsibility which has been given to every believer, namely, that of "reproducing himself" (II Tim. 2:2). Secondly, it creates a "caste-system" in Christian service. And thirdly, it is humanly impossible for the so-called "professionals" to multiply themselves fast enough to take care of the needs! In addition, Christian character comes by "association," not altogether by "precept." Johnny must see this Christ-life lived in front of him! One hour in Sunday School is not sufficient to make any substantial impress! This leads us to the observation that our

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Action Editorial

James DeForest Murch

Thank and Give!

▪ GOD HAS RICHLY blessed America in the past twelve months. As we come to the observance of our national "Thanksgiving Day" we have much to be thankful for.

The realist must note that there is much of political corruption, commercial greed, cultural declension and plain old SIN to be found. The optimist will see a tremendous turn to religion, the blessings of freedom, peace, prosperity and progress. Balance one against the other and we must all agree that it is great to be alive and to live in America.

On this Thanksgiving Day let us thank God, the source of all our blessings, and take courage as we press toward a better future.

But Thanksgiving Day has *giving* in it, as well as *thanks*. God blesses those who do His will. Everyone of us can demonstrate our thanksgiving spirit this year by giving ourselves anew to God to be used in His service. We can give of our substance to help those who are less fortunate than we. In this issue we have given considerable attention to the work of the World Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals. Here is a channel of blessing through which you may make Thanksgiving real to the needy of Korea, continental Europe, and other lands.

Why not make this a day of *thanks* with *giving* in it, so that the joy we have in America may belt the globe?

Godless Sociology

▪ THROUGH A RECENT issue of *Education* magazine we learn that there is a movement, led by certain sociologists, to eliminate from our schools the study of history and geography except as related entities in a more comprehensive course entitled "Social Studies."

Sociology has become an immensely popular subject in the educational curriculum. There is probably no more enticing study than man and his human environment in their relations with each other. There is grave doubt, however, whether sociology as hitherto developed, is entitled to rank as a science. Its methods may be scientific but many of its "verified generalizations" are not soundly based.

Many modern sociological theorists begin with the unproven evolutionary hypothesis and a questionable psychology. They very often ignore the Christian teaching concerning man and his relationships to God and to other men. There is a tendency, evidenced in this new movement, to lightly consider the facts of history, geography, economics, political science, and cold statistics. Such sociologists long to be free of the history of man, the facts of his traditional behavior, faith, mores and philosophies. They like to think of him as a faceless, malleable, controllable animal capable of social submissiveness to the kind of social order they currently espouse.

To these theorists (not scientists), all faiths, all cultures, all men are essentially one. Blithely ignoring the facts, or twisting them to their own ends, they would march us all toward their crystal-ball Utopia where everybody will dwell as brothers under some sort of synthesized God and the beneficent rule of—the sociologists!

These sociological theorists reject all value judgments but their own, which shift from day to day. This is why they take no position pro or con on Communism. They see the Soviet Empire, spreading everywhere and threatening our superior social order, not as an enemy to be thwarted but as a politico-economic phenomenon to be studied and dispassionately understood. The fact that the system is godless leaves them cold. Some think Communism might be an improvement on the West's "individualistic, tractable organic type of society." They so teach in our classrooms, traducing our youth at taxpayers' expense.

We would not intimate that all sociologists hold to these views. Sound, capable Christian teachers in this field are rendering a valuable service in broadening our vision, deepening our insights into the social problems in our times and enabling us to deal effectively with them. We thank God for these men.

But unless we can have a Christian sociology soundly based on the foundation principles of the Word of God and fully cognizant of the facts of history, anthropology, geography, economics, political science and cold statistics maybe we would be better off without this study in our schools.

America's schools have the grave responsibility of raising up a generation of men and women highly literate, accurately informed, well trained in the processes of rational and critical thought and with a basic faith in God. If the schools fail in this we may expect the collapse of our society, to say nothing of democratic self-government and its beneficial institutions.

Potpourri

▪ BEST PAID Protestant pastors in America are those in the Presbyterian Church USA. The denomination's Board of Pensions has just announced that the average salary is $5,405. Synod paying the largest average salary is Michigan . . . . . RELIGION HELPS COMMUNISM get a more favorable reception in foreign lands, according to a speaker at the recent conference of the National Federation of Canadian University Students. "We have entered a period of Soviet foreign policy in which we may see a correlation of Church, State and Communist Party objectives and policies," said Dr. Paul B. Anderson . . . . . ORTHODOX JEWS are in control of religion in Israel. A recent action of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel prohibited the establishment of Reform Judaism in the new nation. . . . . CALIFORNIA, like every other state in the USA, loses money on the liquor business. The Distilled Spirits Institute claims that total public revenue from alcohol beverages is $81,476,707.17. A state legislative committee reports that alcoholism costs California between $120,000,000 and $300,000,000 per year. Figure it out for yourself! . . . . . WATCH NIGHT SERVICES will be held in many evangelical churches on December 31. The Great Commission Prayer League urges that the event be observed on "a revival level." The following GCPL suggestions may be of value: "Enter into God's presence with praise and thanksgiving. Meditate on Scriptures appropriate to the need for revival. Face up to the spiritual state of God's people. Consider the world situation. Take a glimpse at the cause of God on mission fields. Pray in the Spirit for the kind of revival wanted by the Spirit. End grandly with a song of faith, hope, and love."

Who Is Responsible?

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Sunday Schools need to develop "significant persons" to whom our community children might be attached. In some instances, this person might be the teacher, but it is not a necessity. Any love-filled person in the Church can become a "big brother" or "sister" to a child! A chapter out of personal observation will prove the merits of the plan. One of the fourteen-year old lads in our Sunday School became the object of concern on the part of his companions. He was a "lone wolf" type, but also a leader of the gang. He was indifferent to spiritual things, and equally indifferent to his studies in school. He was making straight "F's" at the time of his conversion. Much of his character-situation had been aggravated by adverse home-conditions. One of the young men of the Church became interested in Al. He gave Al the attention and love which he was not receiving at home or at school. The result was a glorious conversion, and a friendship beautiful! The change was so apparent that the grades climbed phenomenally in school. He became a real witness for Christ to unsaved gang-members. He organized a prayer-band among the Junior High School friends in the Church. At present, he and his older friend are enjoying a vacation in Minnesota, but the witness is still being perpetuated. Plans are now in the making to enroll Al in Minnehaha Academy in Minneapolis. Who can predict the future of this teen-ager? He may some day stand behind the sacred desk and sway hundreds for the Kingdom of Christ. And, if he does, he will unceasingly thank a young man, dedicated to Christ, who gave himself so unstintingly to establish the slipping feet of a sinning boy.

This brings us to the final court of appeals and the greatest influence in the shaping of human lives — the HOME! God intended it to be so. He established the family with that in mind, charging parents to "train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart therefrom," charging fathers "to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Character is not a "happenstance." It is not on the basis of "chance." We are not "born to hang." Nor can it be cultivated merely by talking. Character is caught, not taught. That is the prime reason why the Sunday School and the Home must work together. If we would win the community's children to Christ, we must also win their homes! If we would "salt" our communities with the Christian gospel, the experience of salvation, and the nurture of the soul, we must by all means and efforts reach the "inner sanctum." Until we have done so, we have not fulfilled our mission. We have not discharged our responsibility. We have not assumed the charge of today's children, tomorrow's citizens, and eternity's souls. Sad to say, our budgets, our enrollment, our prayer life, and our cencern do not reflect this holy concern. We jealously guard our financial investments, but we permit our children to go lost. Since when have stocks and bonds become more valuable than souls?

WHO is responsible for Johnny? The name of every Christian belongs on the list.

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Over Half the World

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these needy ones come. He first asked for the Word of God.

"*Albert Rohmoser*—was for four years p.o.w. in Siberia. Most needy. Run down in health, asks for clothing: one man's jacket, one pair trousers, one overcoat, one pr. shoes, one lady's garment size 44, pullover garment for daughter. All provided from relief clothing sent by World Relief of National Association of Evangelicals.

"*Friedrich Behme*: 'I had been bound to leave the Soviet Zone longing to live a free person with others in the way of faith in Jesus Christ. To realize this I had to give up many things, among others my clothing. I am very happy to receive your valuable gifts of clothing. Your kind gifts will always be an inspiration for me to live the life of Christ.' "

Korea also is a country devastated by war. It will require many years before this tiny peninsula will be taken from the list of countries receiving relief shipments. Winters are bitterly cold in Korea, and it has not been uncommon for Americans traveling there to see bodies of people lying in the streets frozen to death. A recent appeal from an American missionary doctor and his wife read: "Send us suits for our amputees who are destitute with little good clothing and nothing to wear as they leave the hospital." Evangelical Christians responded to this appeal and through the NAE and World Vision, Inc., a large shipment of clothes was sent.

Although the gratitude of those served by the World Relief Commission cannot be fully expressed in words, many letters are received telling of appreciative hearts. Here is part of one such letter signed Dorothea Ollrogge:

"I cannot say how thankful I am to you for all your love and help and what it means for us to be assisted in such a good way with clothing.

"Together with my three children, in the age of 9, 10, 12, I stand quite alone in this world. The standard of life here in the East-Zone is very low and poorly, things are very dear and scarce, and even if someone earns some money, it does by no means reach out to buy any clothing, as all money is needed for FOOD.

"How much work and endeavours may be connected with the picking up and sorting out of all this clothing and with their transport to Germany.

"Once more I like to thank you for all your love with all my heart."

The work of the Commission is made possible by the gifts of money and used clothing donated by evangelical Christians throughout America. Sunday Schools, young people's groups, missionary study groups, clubs, individuals and churches have joined in providing relief shipments. Many churches have established permanent relief committees.

The World Relief Commission is the relief arm of evangelical churches and individuals. Those desiring to participate in world relief may do so by sending money to the World Relief Commission, NAE, J. Willison Smith, Jr., Treasurer, 2124 Philadelphia National Bank Building, Philadelphia 7. Clothing should be sent postpaid to one of the three depots: World Relief Commission NAE, 12-19 Jackson Avenue, Long Island City 1, New York; World Relief Commission NAE, c/o Brethren Service Center, 1010 9th Street, Modesto, California; NAE Relief Commission, c/o Brethren Service Center, Nappanee, Indiana (see p. 23).

Christian relief is our evangelical opportunity and responsibility. The support of the World Relief Commission on the part of evangelicals is a practical demonstration of the love of Christ and provides an opportunity for the Gospel to enter open hearts.

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Supreme Bench Appointment

The recent White House appointment of a Roman Catholic, Justice William Joseph Brennan, Jr., of New Jersey, to the Supreme Court has caused some interesting speculations on that point.

To suggest that Justice Brennan should not have received the appointment simply because of his affiliation with the Roman Catholic Church would be the most obnoxious kind of bigotry, and would clearly be out of step with the broad framework of American justice. And it would be equally dangerous to suggest that such an appointment should have been made because there was an absence of a Roman Catholic on the high bench.

Yet it is around this latter point that the discussion arises. That Justice Brennan's religious affiliation figured as a factor in the appointment, and a major factor at that, cannot be seriously doubted by any who are close to the situation. It was reliably reported that James P. Mitchell, Secretary of Labor, the one Roman Catholic member of the cabinet, had a large hand in recommending Justice Brennan for the appointment. And the fact that Justice Brennan has been a "life-long friend" of Bernard M. Shanley, the President's appointment secretary who is also an active member of the Roman Catholic Church, may well have played some small role in the events which led up to the appointment.

Another and not totally unrelated factor is that Justice Brennan is a Democrat, although he has not been active in politics. There were more than a few who rated the appointment as being "politically astute," on this score. At least it must have been given serious consideration, since the appointment was made in the midst of a presidential campaign.

But the involvement of political considerations in an appointment to the supreme bench is an accepted fact. Not so with religious considerations.

Nevertheless under the surface there runs an unwritten rule that at least one seat in the Supreme Court should be reserved for a Roman Catholic. This rule went unbroken from 1894 until 1949, when President Truman refused to bow to the precedent and appointed a Protestant to succeed Associate Justice Frank Murphy.

It is this unwritten rule that raises eyebrows here and there. What thinking is it that would precipitate the idea that there should be "at least one" Catholic on the nine-man bench? A better case could be made for having three Catholics on the Court. Add a couple of Jewish representatives, leave the rest as Protestants and then you would have the not-unfamiliar tripartite approach to American religion which the government has found quite handy in other areas.

Take the semi-judicial National Selective Service Appeal Board, for instance. It often has to deal with religious matters. The Board is made up of three men, one a Catholic, one a Protestant and the other Jewish. There is not much doubt that if it became necessary to replace one of these men, the religious factor would be a major one. That the present distribution would be changed is extremely doubtful.

But it is almost impossible to conceive of any formula for the distribution of the nine seats on the Court among the major faiths that would be feasible, equitable and practical. Besides other and more important considerations would be greatly hampered by any such formula.

Nor is there much to be said for any middle-road position in this matter. Either the religious affiliation of the candidate must be accepted as a major consideration, or it should be ruled out as a factor altogether. But that it really will be is extremely doubtful. If it now became necessary to make another appointment to the Court it is doubtful that there would be the scramble to find a member of the Catholic Church that there was a few weeks ago. As anomalous as it may seem the appointment of a Catholic may now be treated as a paid up debt.

Washington Outlook

Washington is becoming increasingly a center of evangelical interest, as evidenced by the several national offices of evangelical organizations which have been established here within recent months.

Until a few months ago the NAE Washington office, which is also the headquarters of the EFMA, was practically the only evangelical organization which had an office in the Nation's capital.

Latest addition to the line-up of evangelical bureaus is the editorial office of *Christianity Today,* which sent its first issue of October 15 to some 285,000 clergymen throughout the English-speaking world. Editor-in-chief of this publication is Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, on leave of absence from Fuller Theological Seminary of Pasadena, California.

A few months earlier Dr. Billy Graham had established his team offices in Washington. One major factor in this move was the convenience of the Washington location to the homes of the team members, most of whom live within a radius of four hundred miles. Billy Graham Films (now World Wide Pictures) has had an office in Washington since 1952.

The Navigators began a permanent work in Washington this past summer with a home located at the edge of the embassy section.

International Christian Leadership has office headquarters on Dupont Circle in addition to Friendship House on Massachusetts Avenue.

International Students has its headquarters on Washington's well-known Connecticut Avenue.

In addition to these, there are several other evangelical offices and organizations which serve a more limited area.

The fact of geographic location of these offices in the Nation's Capital is important in two respects. First, it underscores the fact that evangelical leaders are becoming more conscious of the urgent need for the light of true Christianity to shine its brightest in the arena of national affairs. Secondly, it demonstrates the fact that Washington, in the religious sphere no less than the secular has become a pivotal point.

Literature Ruling

The Supreme Court, early in its session which began in October, decided to rule on a case involving the sale of pornographic literature. In effect, the case brings in question a Michigan state law on obscene literature.

The Michigan law makes it illegal to sell or distribute books or publications which "contain" lewd or obscene writings or pictures. The particular book in question was printed by Pocket Books, Inc. and does contain numerous passages which are unquestionably obscene when viewed separately. It is not entirely clear, however, whether the judge of the lower court in Michigan ruled that portions of the book made it obscene as a whole, or whether he ruled that the book is obscene in its entirety.

The plot of the story revolves around a man who is torn between sexual desires and a desire to become a faithful monk. Because of the religious involvement, the Michigan court had called in several religious "experts" to give their views on certain aspects of the book. Likewise there were literary "experts" who gave testimony on the literary values of the book. This testimony was generally designed to give the court an idea as to whether any literary or religious motivations in the book would make it a worthwhile piece of literature.

The case was heard by the Supreme Court on October 16. The court's ruling could be forthcoming anytime during the present session.

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President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Mrs. Eisenhower have enrolled with millions of American citizens for the American Bible Society's "World-Wide Bible Reading" program November 22 to December 25. ABS president Daniel Burke stands by as the Eisenhowers discuss the Society's program of distributing the Word of God in almost every language and dialect known to man.

Fifteen Million in Worldwide Bible Reading

■ More than 15,000,000 people will participate in the Worldwide Bible Reading program of the American Bible Society beginning next week. (*Action* carried the daily readings in its November 1 issue.)

The program has been endorsed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who, as Honorary Chairman of the National Sponsoring Committee, has said:

"The Bible is endorsed by the ages. Our civilization is built upon its words.

"In no other book is there such a collection of inspired wisdom, reality and hope. It describes the condition of man and the promise of man with such power that, through many eras and generations, it has made the mighty humble and has strengthened the weak.

"We are grateful to your great voluntary society for distributing the Bible over the past one hundred forty years, without comment or interpretation, throughout the breadth of our land and across the seven seas. You have written The Word upon the doorposts of the world.

"I am glad to receive again your list of suggested passages to read from my Bible from Thanksgiving to Christmas."

The theme for the program is annually selected by representatives of over fifty denominations and a poster is designed to illustrate it. The artist of the famous "Head of Christ" and other religious paintings, Warner Sallman, has produced the poster for this year's theme, "The Bible Speaks Today." Thousands of copies of the poster will be produced in foreign languages.

The program includes Universal Bible Sunday, always the second Sunday in December, which this year falls on December 9. Dr. Eugene A. Nida, secretary for Translations of the American Bible Society, is author of the brochure that is mailed, with other appropriate materials, to Protestant pastors throughout the country. These packets will be mailed to more than 183,000 pastors, more than 12,000 more than in the previous year.

Evangelicals Plan World Day of Prayer

■ For the eleventh consecutive year the National Association of Evangelicals is providing worship material for the World Day of Prayer for churches desiring a service with a Bible-centered emphasis. The World Day of Prayer is scheduled for March 8, 1957.

"If My People . . ." is the title of the booklet being offered which centers on the theme of revival. The introduction is a plea for revival by Rev. Armin Gesswein, chairman of the Spiritual Life Commission of the NAE and widely-known for his revival prayer conferences. The program is outlined as follows:

I. The Way of Humiliation: Confession.
II. The Way of Prayer: Intercession.
III. The Way of Desire for God: Worship.
IV. The Way of Repentance: Action.

Arrangement of the program provides for emphasis on Bible passages related to revival and includes hymns and time for prayer.

Materials can be obtained by contacting the NAE headquarters office at 108 North Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

No charge is made for the material, but it is requested that a free will offering be received at the service. This offering will be used exclusively for the "Evangelical Ads" program of the National Association of Evangelicals.

"Christianity Today" Auspiciously Launched

■ History is being made in the resurgent evangelical movement through the advent of *Christianity Today*, new evangelical Protestant magazine patterned after the *Christian Century* in general format and journalistic policy. It is designed to present the evangelical viewpoint to thoughtful American Protestant leaders.

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor, has

announced that the magazine had 25,000 paid subscriptions before the first issue was off the press.

Dr. Henry said *Christianity Today* will "present, in a positive and constructive way, the basic truths of the Christian faith as taught in the Scriptures." He said the magazine will be "neither reactionary nor static."

"It will seek to present the content of the Christian faith on a high ethical plane, undergirded by Christian love and empowered by the Holy Spirit," he added.

In a lead editorial entitled "Why 'Christianity Today'?" the editors declared:

"Neglected, slighted, misrepresented —evangelical Christianity needs a clear voice to speak with conviction and love, and to state its true position and its relevance to the world crisis. Theological Liberalism has failed to meet the moral and spiritual needs of the people. Neither the man on the street nor the intellectual is today much attracted by its preaching and theology."

The editorial urged a "return to truly Biblical preaching" and said the editors were confident "the answer to theological confusion existing in the world can be found in the Scriptures."

Rev. J. Marcellus Kik, Dutch Reformed minister and author, is associate editor of the magazine. Executive editor is Dr. L. Nelson Bell, North Carolina surgeon and for many years a contributor to church periodicals. Larry Ward is managing editor and George Burnham, news editor.

Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, minister of Park Street (Congregational) church in Boston, is chairman of the board of directors.

Mid-year Meetings Advance NAE Program

■ "Positive, virile Christianity with the spirit of Christ" was the emphasis given by Dr. Paul P. Petticord, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, in a message at a banquet on October 9 which marked the conclusion of the Association's semi-annual board meetings. The banquet was sponsored by the Midwest Region of the NAE which held its annual convention concurrently with the board meetings.

Speaking to an audience which packed the Mirror Room of Chicago's Hamilton Hotel, Dr. Petticord stated the NAE position of avoiding radical or passive evangelicalism, but instead meeting the issues in a firm, positive manner and with Christ's spirit of love. He also cited accomplishment of the NAE in bringing together many churches and denominations which, while at variance on some doctrinal points, could all agree to the statement of faith of the NAE. He noted the ecumenical spirit of the NAE, pointing out that a common faith in Jesus Christ was the basis of the organization's fellowship.

Semi-annual Board of Administration meetings which preceded the banquet were marked by a spirit of unity and reports of progress.

Thirty new churches and organizations were received into full membership. Contacts with various groups seeking membership indicate a healthy potential growth in the days ahead.

Among encouraging reports were (1) the expansion of the NAE's World Relief program, (2) improvements in *Action* magazine and plans for an intensive subscription campaign, (3) early publication of the new full-length history of the NAE, (4) growth and increased prestige of the Washington Office of Public Affairs, (5) strengthening of the financial structure of the Association, (6) the widening use of the "Evangelical Ad" program to counteract Knights of Columbus propaganda, (7) completion of new cooperative policy with the World Evangelical Fellowship, (8) the unprecedented growth of Universal Travel Service, (9) the development of a School of Missions serving EFMA boards, (10) widespread interest in the development of evangelical ministerial fellowships at the local level.

Following the Board meetings a well-attended NAE staff meeting planned fall and winter promotional programs. Another similar meeting is planned in Washington, D. C., in connection with the sessions of the National Religious Broadcasters convention and the International Christian Leadership conference early in 1957.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Quakers Issue Report On Military Spending

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(R N S)—The federal government is spending only twenty-two cents out of every tax dollar for non-military purposes, the Friends Committee on National Legislation reported here.

The Quaker group said a survey of current appropriations and contract commitments shows that 69.8 per cent of all government expenditures will be devoted to military preparations and 8.1 per cent to paying the debts of past wars. Only 22.1 per cent will be spent on the ordinary civilian purposes of government, the committee said.

This is the largest proportion of tax money ever dedicated to military purposes in peacetime, it added.

The Quaker study shows that the Air Force will get 29.7 cents out of every tax dollar, the Army 12.8 cents, and the Navy 17.0 cents. Foreign military aid will take 5.3 cents of every American tax dollar, atomic energy development for other than peaceful purposes 3.2 cents, military stockpiling 0.7 cents, and administration of military affairs 1.7 cents.

The cost of past wars in veterans pensions and debt interest will amount to 8.1 cents out of every dollar.

"In God We Trust" on International Cards

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(R N S)—Two new international postcards to be issued by the Post Office Department will feature the national motto "In God We Trust," Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced here.

One is a four-cent card that will carry a message to any part of the world and receive the same handling as first-class letter mail. The other is an eight-cent international postage-paid reply card which U. S. citizens can send correspondents abroad. It

LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

● BILLY GRAHAM'S Louisville crusade closed November 4 with some 10,000 decisions for Christ and record-breaking crowds. His next crusade will be held in New York City in April and May, 1957.

● CHURCH GIVING in America reached an all-time high in 1955 according to figures recently released. Forty-eight Protestant bodies and two Orthodox Catholic groups reported $1,842,592,260. Seventh-day Adventists stood first, Free Methodists second, Wesleyan Methodists third and Evangelical Free Church fourth in per capita giving. The last three are members of the National Association of Evangelicals.

● RED RUSSIA'S bloody and brutal attack upon the liberty-loving people of Hungary has caused many friends of the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches to reconsider their support of the Council's policy of collaboration and cooperation with religious leaders behind the Iron Curtain.

● ROMAN CATHOLIC and Jewish immigrants from various parts of the world are flooding America. Six hundred and five Catholics arrived in one day (October 24) in New York alone.

● TAYLOR UNIVERSITY has announced a $5,000,000 development program which includes the construction of a new auditorium and fine arts center, chapel, an administration building, dormitory and president's home. Construction on the dormitory will start next spring.

● WESLEYAN METHODISTS will move their national and world headquarters and their publishing house from Syracuse, N. Y., to Marion, Ind. It is hoped that construction on the new headquarters building will be completed by the Quadrennial General Conference in 1959.

● CHRISTIAN BUSINESS MEN meeting in Grand Rapids, Mich., October 24-28 elected Waldo Yeager, president of the Cortland Produce Company, Toledo, Ohio as international chairman succeeding Richard Woike, New York investment broker. More than 1,250 men and women attended the Toledo meeting.

● UNITED PRESBYTERIANS opposed to merger of their denomination with the Presbyterian Church USA have set up a Committee for Information on Church Union with a membership of over 300 UP clergymen and laymen. Its members represent forty-one of the fifty-one presbyteries.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Director's Desk

Reports are coming from many sections of the country of new restrictions being placed on local evangelical broadcasts and local release of national programs. Evidently this results from the statement issued last March by the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches recommending that no time be sold for religious purposes. While the NAE and its affiliate, the National Religious Broadcasters, has rather successfully dealt with this problem on the national level, the recommendation of the NCC's commission that all state and local councils of churches enforce their recommendation in their locality is beginning to tell.

For instance, a North Carolina station has eliminated the BACK TO THE BIBLE broadcast, an Oklahoma station no longer will carry a local church broadcast of some eighteen years standing and a Presbyterian pastor in Pennsylvania whose program has brought responses from 30 states and Canada must leave the air. In some cases local councils of churches have thus far been unsuccessful but are still trying to bring sufficient pressure to bear to eliminate commercial religious programs.

The N.R.B. has proved that through the code of ethics which it established the problem of unethical practices can be successfully dealt with without eliminating commercial religious broadcasting. Evangelical broadcasters of America have found their strength in a united voice through the N. R. B. Here will also be found the answer to many local situations. Every evangelical broadcaster in America that is not already affiliated should write to Dr. James DeForest Murch, President, National Religious Broadcasters, 111 East 4th Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio, for information on affiliation.

But more than this can be done to meet the local problem. This is one more reason why we need local evangelical fellowships in every section of the country. If you do not have one, write to the NAE for information on how you can organize an effective evangelical witness in your own community.

GEORGE L. FORD

Executive Director, National Association of Evangelicals

can be returned postage free anywhere in the world.

The design for the cards will be similar to the Statue of Liberty emblem that now appears on three and eight-cent postage stamps but the motto will stand out more clearly than on the stamps.

This is the first time the United States has issued such international postcards. They will be placed on sale Nov. 16 in New York City.

Liquor Stores Now Outnumber Churches

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(R N S)—Liquor establishments outnumber churches by better than four to three, the Methodist Board of Temperance declared here.

The board said latest Internal Revenue Service figures show that on June 30, 1956, there were 274,877 retail dealers in liquor and 168,180 retail dealers in beer in the United States, a total of 443,057. There were 305,449 churches and synagogues in the United States at that time.

Government Suppressing Many Liquor Statistics

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Department of Commerce denied here it is suppressing the publication of statistics on the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Replying to recent charges by Mrs. Glenn G. Hays of Evanston, Ill., president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, a department spokesman said it published an offical estimate of American consumers' expenditure on liquor in the July, 1956, issue of its monthly *Survey of Current Business*.

The estimate for 1955 was $9.050,000 000, an increase of about $1,000,000 000 over 1954.

The department admitted it stopped issuing special press releases reporting expenditures on alcoholic beverages several years ago because "there apparently was little interest" by newspapers in the information.

Mrs. Hays charged at the WCTU's annual executive committee meeting in Atlanta, Ga., that the government "buries" statistics on liquor consumption because of "fear of public reaction" if the facts were known.

Over Sixty Per Cent of Arrests Due to Liquor

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(R N S)—More than sixty per cent of all arrests made by police in the first six months of 1956 were due to crimes directly related to alcoholic beverages, the Methodist Board of Temperance said here.

The board said an analysis of the latest FBI Uniform Crime Report shows that out of 2,945,216 arrests for all offenses made by police in 1,771 reporting cities, some 60.66 per cent were related to alcohol.

These arrests included 1,273,919 for drunkenness, 325,935 for disorderly conduct, 137,098 for driving while intoxicated, and 50,195 for violations of state and federal liquor laws.

The total of 1,786,547 liquor-related arrests amounted to almost 10,000 a day, the board pointed out. It noted the figures did not include a number of other crimes, such as rape, manslaughter and homicide, in which liquor may have played a part.

Jewish Investigators In Anti-Christian Move

CHICAGO.—A joint Jewish committee has been formed here to study religious practices in the Chicago public schools.

Representation will include the Chicago Council of the American Jewish Congress and the city's four major rabbinical groups.

Rabbi Ahron Opher, council president, said the committee will scrutinize religious holiday observances in schools, prayers, Bible reading and released-time religious education classes. The purpose, he said, is to look for "practices that might jeopardize the rights of minority religious groups."

The organization is a part of a long range nation-wide effort of a few Jewish leaders to eliminate all distinctly Christian teaching from the public schools.

Moral, Spiritual Ideals For New York's Schools

NEW YORK—(RNS)—A statement providing for the teaching of "moral and spiritual ideals" in the New York City public schools was unanimously adopted by the Board of Education here.

The action by the nine-member board climaxed a year-long debate in which more than seventy religious, teacher, parent and civic groups favored or opposed the statement.

The twenty-page document does not spell out a specific program for the teaching of moral and spiritual ideals.

"The attitude of the schools and teachers toward religion, religious ideals and pactices should be one of friendliness," it states. "The schools should acknowledge the influence of religion and religious ideals upon Western civilization, upon America's social and political institutions and ideals and upon the development of moral and spiritual values."

The child is taught these values, it adds, "through the example of the teacher, through methods, materials and activities utilized in instruction and through the content of the various subject areas of the curriculum."

The statement describes the function of the schools as that of supplementing "the training of the home, ever intensifying in the child that love of God, for parents and for home, which is the mark of true character training and the sure guarantee of the country's welfare."

Asks Withdrawal Treaty With Haiti

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(R N S)—Dr. Glenn L. Archer of Washington, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, appealed here for the withdrawal of a controversial treaty with Haiti which omits the customary guarantee of religious

liberty to American citizens residing abroad.

In an open letter to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Dr. Archer said that "the best traditions of both countries" can be furthered if the guarantee of religious freedom for Americans is included in the treaty.

He declared that nearly two years have passed since Vice President Richard M. Nixon signed the treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation with Haiti and that it is still before the Senate without prospect of action.

"There really is no good reason why this is so," he said. "The primary obstacle is a serious but easily remediable deficiency in the draft treaty."

Opposition to the pact has been voiced by other Protestant groups which asked the Foreign Relations Committee to hold public hearings on the measure. But the Senate group did not consider the treaty before Congress adjourned.

Since the pact cannot go into effect until the Senate ratifies it by two-thirds vote, this means that the old treaty will remain in force.

Pointing out that the treaties with Iran, Nicaragua and the Netherlands were quickly ratified by the Senate in July, 1956, Dr. Archer said the solution to the Haitian stalemate "is obvious." These three treaties contained provisions guaranteeing religious rights of American citizens abroad.

Dr. Archer added that he hoped Mr. Dulles would take "appropriate action" before the Senate convenes in January.

United Action

Midwest Region NAE Holds Annual Meeting

CHICAGO.—The Midwest Region of the National Association of Evangelicals, representing some forty-four Protestant denominations and conferences in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and southeastern Wisconsin, held its annual convention at Hotel Hamilton, Chicago in mid-October.

Reelected to the Midwest Executive Board for terms of three years each were Dr. Arnold C. Schultz, professor at Northern Baptist Seminary; Rev. A. Cabot Johnson, pastor Lakeview Evangelical Free Church; Rev. Arlev L. Bragg, pastor First Evangelical Free Church; Rev. Loren Doss, pastor Calvary Tabernacle and Dr. Fred P. Thompson, Jr., pastor Englewood Christian Church, all of Chicago.

The main address of the Banquet session which was attended by a capacity crowd of two-hundred and fifty persons at the Mirror Room of the Hamilton was given by Dr. Paul P. Petticord, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, on "Evangelical Ecumenicity."

Dr. Clyde Taylor, director of the NAE Office of Public Affairs in Washington, D. C., stressed the need for men and women of high moral and spiritual qualifications in Government and spoke of a national campaign now in progress, through colleges and seminaries, to encourage qualified young people to enter government service both in the United States and overseas through its agencies and representatives. He also urged upon evangelicals

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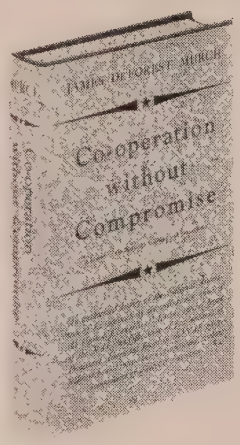

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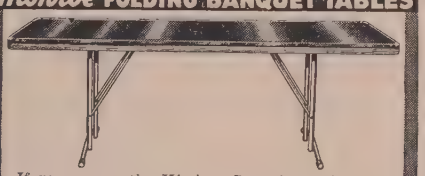

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EDUCATION

Geneva College Starts Year with 1677 Enrolled

BEAVER FALLS, Pa.—Geneva College has its own "flying parson" for coach of its cross country football team.

Rev. Willard G. McMillan, a Reformed Presbyterian minister, and instructor in Bible at the Beaver Falls school, has been appointed by Director of Athletics Clifford J. Aultman as coach of the Covenanters' "Harriers." McMillan ran varsity track at New Concord, Ohio, High School, freshman track at Muskingum College, and track and cross country at Denison University.

Enrollment at Geneva College this year is 854 day students and 823 night students.

Of the day students, 625 are men and 228 are women, an approximate 3-1 ratio. Of the 625 men, there are 111 seniors, 149 juniors, 162 sophomores, 196 freshmen, and 7 special students. Of the women, there are 29 seniors, 55 juniors, 72 sophomores, 67 freshmen and 3 special.

At this time in 1955, enrollment was 834 day and 829 night. This is an increase this year of twenty day students, and the number of night students this year is expected to reach or exceed the 1955 total.

These figures do not include persons attending Geneva off-campus extension centers.

Geneva College is owned by the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

BBI Enrolls Over 200 in Fall Term

BUFFALO, N. Y.—The Buffalo Bible Institute has announced an enrollment of 95 students in its Day School this year. This is the largest enrollment since the school was founded in 1938, a fifty per cent increase in the student body within the past two years. Students are registered from six states, and Holland.

The evening school began its Fall term with an enrollment of 125. Eighteen extension schools are being conducted, which indicates a larger outreach into Western New York and Western Pennsylvania and Southern Canada.

Northwestern College Enrolls 513 Students

MINNEAPOLIS.—There are 513 students currently enrolled in Northwestern College here. Twenty denominations and thirty states are represented. There are 181 freshmen, 113 sophomores, 106 juniors, 100 seniors and 13 special students. (The men out number the women by a margin of 286 to 227).

Education at Northwestern includes nine majors of Bible (including English Bible, evangelism and missions, and practical theology), biblical languages, biology, Christian education, education, English, history, music and speech; as well as additional studies in anthropology, commercial education, journalism, philosophy, psychology, physical education,and sociology.

The college also owns and operates a network of three non-commercial, non-profit, Christian radio stations: KTIS, Minneapolis-St. Paul; KNWS, Waterloo, Iowa; and KFNW, Fargo, North Dakota.

Dr. Richard Elvee is president of Northwestern which was founded in 1902 by Dr. W. B. Riley. Dr. Billy Graham served as president previous to Dr. Elvee.

New Evangel College Moves Toward Goals

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Thirty-two states, Hawaii, and two foreign countries are represented by the 166 enrollment at Evangel College for the second year of operation, Dean Richard Strahan has announced.

This Assemblies of God liberal arts college enrolled 113 freshmen students this year and had 48 sophomores return.

Senior college studies will be added to the program during the next two years to make the school a full four-year college.

THE FACULTY of the Central Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary, which opened in the Fourth Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, in September, includes the following, left to right: Oswell Summers, Th.M., Historical Theology; Chester Tulga, D.D., Contemporary Theology; Paul Kaufman, A.M., Registrar and New Testament; Richard Clearwaters, D.D., President and Practical Theology; Warren Vanhetloo, Th.M., Dean and Old Testament; and Edward Simpson, Th.D., Systematic Theology. Elmer Johnson, B.S., Practical Theology, was not present.

Mennonite Brethren Launch New Seminary

FRESNO, Calif.—The new Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary here opened auspiciously this fall. Over 500 members of M.B. churches in this area were present for the dedication of the beautiful new buildings and campus.

There is an enrollment of 27 in the seminary. The Pacific Bible Institute, now in its thirteenth year, has enrolled eighteen students. There are 45 in the collegiate division. All told there are 91 students in the advanced educational program of the M.B. denomination in this area.

Dallas Baptists Plan New Junior College

DALLAS—(BP)—Preliminary plans for a new $3 million Baptist junior college here have been made by Dallas Baptist Association.

The association at its annual meet-

ing directed that a special committee immediately work to secure a minimum of 100 acres as campus site and the necessary funds. One-half of the $3 million is for bulidings and other capital needs, the rest for endowment.

Dallas Baptist set 1960 as the date when they hope to complete the junior college. It's estimated that in 1960 there will be 4,000 Baptists among the 25,000 seniors graduating from the city's public high schools.

The college-school system of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, which the proposed junior college would become a part of, already includes 11 institutions.

In Dallas, there are 210 Southern Baptist churches and missions, plus numerous offices of the state Baptist convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

NACS Uses Radio to Aid Christian Schools

CHICAGO.—The National Association of Christian Schools has announced ten tape recordings for use in Christian school promotion. They're available for use in local groups for a nominal fee. (See address, p. 21.)

Prepared originally as ten-minute radio talks by Education Director Mark Fakkema, the recordings include: (1) The Christian Private School Is the American School, (2) The Christian Character of the Early American Schools, (3) Unsatisfactory Reason for the Decline of Religion in Public Instructions, (4) The Reason for the Decline of Religion in Public Instruction, (5) Who Is Tampering with the Eternal Destiny of Your Child? (6) Does the Christian School Make Hot House Plants Out of Our Children? (7) What will Become of the Public School If the Christians Are Taken Out of It? (8) No Moral Training without Religious Teaching, (9) Why Should Christian Parents Send Their Children to Christian Schools? (10) What Is the Best Way of Financing Christian Schools?

Inter-church

Dr. Mackay Warns On "Confessionalism"

GENEVA—(RNS)—A warning that "resurgent confessionalism" may develop in such a way as to "wreck" the ecumenical movement, was sounded by Dr. John A. Mackay of Princeton, N. J., president of the World Presbyterian Alliance.

Copies of his statement were sent from the alliance headquarters here to the organization's member Churches over the world.

"In the rising new confessionalism," Dr. Mackay said, "there is no disposition on the part of any one confessional body—whether Anglicans, Congregationalists, Baptists, Lutherans, Methodists, or Presbyterians—to absolutize their separate confessional structures and loyalties.

"But the confessional movement could develop in such a way as to wreck the ecumenical movement or at least reduce the World Council of Churches to a venerated ecclesiastical facade. It could prevent unions between the 'younger Churches' and, for

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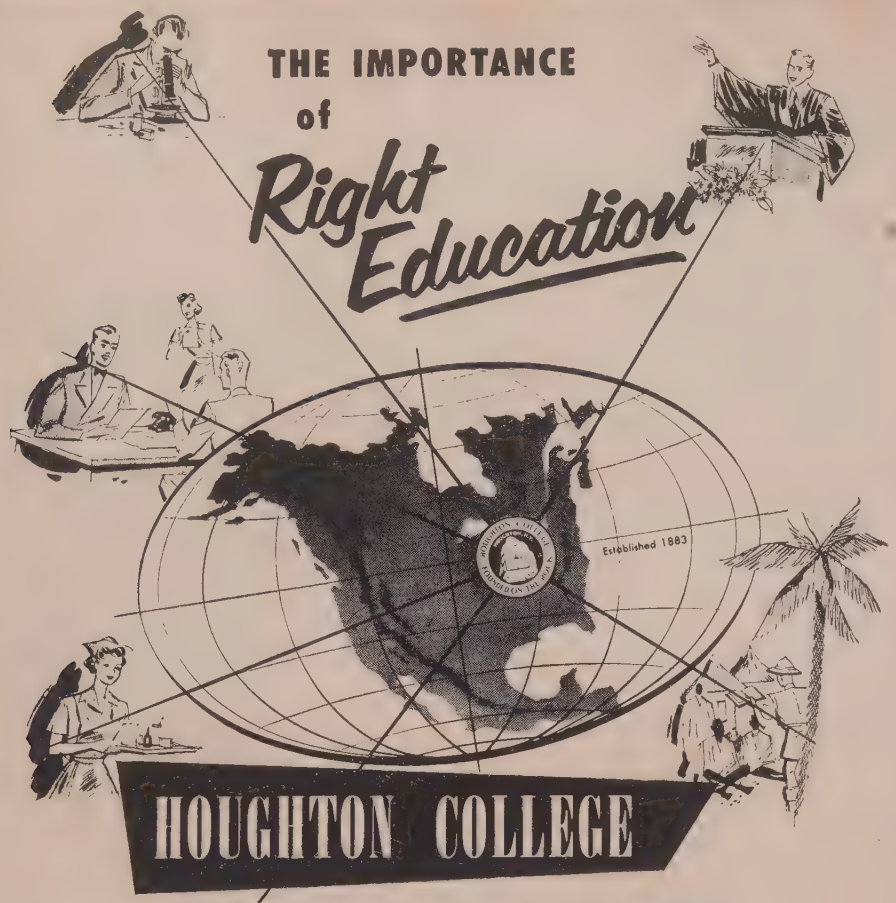

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that matter, between 'older Churches' in new situations.

"On the other hand, the movement—if wisely directed—can and should enrich the ecumenical movement. But in order for this to happen the World Council must take the confessional movement seriously."

Denominations

Canadian Pentecostals See Rapid Expansion

TORONTO, Ont.—The twentieth biennial General Conference of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, representing 680 local churches, besides a large overseas constituency on ten fields met in Bethel Pentecostal Church, Windsor, Ontario recently.

The conference theme, "The Year of Jubilee," marked the fiftieth year of the modern Pentecostal revival. Those who attended the Canadian conclave described the gathering as "one rising tide of blessing."

Departmental reports showed strong growth in all departments on all fields. There are now 500 ordained ministers, with other certificated workers bringing the total to 1,385. Services are held in languages other than English in 88 churches in Canada. There are 118 missionaries under appointment on overseas fields. Enrollment in Bible Colleges in Canada numbers 350 in four English, one French and one Indian-language school.

Canadian Pentecostal churches are making extensive preparations for the Fifth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches to be held in Toronto at the Canadian National Exhibition Grounds in September, 1958, with provisions for Sunday attendance of 30,000 people.

Walter E. McAlister was re-elected to his third term as general superintendent; Dr. C. McWortman to his ninth term as general secretary; George R. Upton to his seventh term as missionary secretary, and James Montgomery to his sixth term as national director of educational activities.

Earl N. O. Kulbeck, Montreal public relations man, was appointed editor-in-chief- of the *Pentecostal Testimony*, the organization's monthly official journal, and national public relations officer.

Assemblies of God In Amazing Growth

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—The Assemblies of God, with national headquarters in Springfield, ranks ninth, churchwise, out of 258 denominations reporting to the 1957 volume of the *Yearbook of American Churches*, officials of the denomination recently reported.

Work of this Pentecostal church began forty-two years ago and has mushroomed into one of the fastest growing denominations in the world. Membership of the Assemblies of God has shown a 65 per cent gain within the past ten years.

Churches of the denomination number 7,840 in the USA and some 4,188 abroad. Membership of the American Assemblies of God churches is approximately 422,221.

Although the number of churches placed the denomination ninth, mem-

bership-wise it stood at twenty-seventh place. However, many of the churches have no membership roll and others place little emphasis on membership.

Officials of the Assemblies pointed out that the Sunday School is more representative of the size of the movement. As of 1955 the Sunday Schools of the denomination had 84,756 workers and a national enrollment of 805,182. A drive is underway to boost the enrollment to one million by 1960.

American Lutherans To Approve Merger

BLUE ISLAND, Ill.—(RNS)—Delegates to the biennial convention of the American Lutheran Church here approved merger documents that would unite it with two other Lutheran bodies.

The documents, articles of union, a constitution and by-laws, previously were approved by the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Merger of the three groups would create a 2,000,000-member denomination in 1960, if the proposed timetable is followed. However, the convention here sent several matters back to the Joint Union Committee of the three uniting bodies for further negotiations and this may slow up the schedule.

The ALC is not satisfied with the status given to the Board for Christian Social Action under the proposed constitution of the new Church. There is also a difference of opinion in regard to financial policy of the Church and ownership of colleges.

ALC delegates adopted a resolution that extends "the hand of fellowship to all Lutheran Church bodies who faithfully adhere to the Word of God and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church, whose official declarations and congregational practice testify to their loyalty to the Word of God and the Lutheran Confessions."

The ALC has about 900,000 members, the ELC 1,000,000 and the UELC 55,000.

MISSIONS

Members Buy Plane For Their Pastor's Son

PASADENA, Calif.—The Lake Ave. Congregational church here collected $14,500 and used it to buy an airplane for the pastor's son.

But not an airplane for ordinary use, because Robert M. Hutchins, son of Rev. James Hutchins, is a pilot for the Missionary Aviation Fellowship, assigned to New Guinea.

Home on furlough, the younger Hutchins was presented with a scale model of the Cessna 180 plane which is being shipped to New Guinea. Upon his return to that territory, he will fly the plane on missionary jobs over the wilderness.

Adopts Record Budget For Foreign Missions

RICHMOND, Va.—(RNS)—A record budget of $8,125,074 for 1957 was adopted here by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

L. Howard Jenkins of Richmond was elected board president for the 25th consecutive year.

Other officers re-elected are Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., Atlanta, Ga., first vice-president; the Rev. Howard L. Arthur of Richmond, second vice-president; Dr. Herman P. Thomas of Richmond, recording secretary; and Dr. Oscar L. Hite of Richmond, medical adviser.

Eighteen new missionaries were appointed at the board session.

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, said the board has the names of 1500 interested young people on its list of prospective foreign missionaries.

"Our large budget doesn't mean our funds are adequate," he said. "There were $500,000 of needs left out of the budget at the last minute because there wasn't enough money to cover them."

Missionaries now on the field have sent in over 500 requests for new missionaries, according to Elmer S. West of the board's personnel department.

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recently to crystalize plans for their project for 1956-57. They have chosen to finance a $30,000 headquarters building for the Inter-American Mission in Guayaquil, Ecuador. This headquarters building includes a tabernacle, with Bible School facilities for the training of national workers.

Men for Missions, the laymen's voice of The Oriental Missionary Society, was officially organized last June at Winona Lake, Indiana. Businessmen from all over the United States elected as their officers: Eldon Turnidge, a mint farmer from Jefferson, Oregon, president; Rolland McGilvray, a Cleveland, Ohio banker, vice-president; Robert Martin, an Indiana grain elevator owner, secretary. Dr. Hammel Shipps, a New Jersey surgeon; and Byron Dotson, a tent and awning manufacturer from Lima, Ohio were also named to the Cabinet.

Men for Missions is a movement of militant laymen's councils across the nation. They purpose to share with missionaries the task of challenging the American Church to reach this generation with the message of Christ.

Radio - TV

"Word of Life" Hour On Mutual Broadcast

NEW YORK.—Evangelist Jack Wyrtzen's Word of Life broadcast is now heard nationally over the Mutual Broadcasting System.

The half-hour youth program is a live broadcast from Times Square over most of the 200 stations which have currently cleared time throughout the United States.

The Word of Life Hour has been on radio for more than fifteen years, and on the Yankee network, Mutual's New England section, since 1953.

Evangelist-director Jack Wyrtzen climaxes each broadcast with a presentation of the Gospel, geared to reach the youth of America.

Bertermann Praises Industry Cooperation

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The fourth anniversary of the world's most televised religous program, "This Is the Life," was recently observed by presentations of public service awards to TV stations carrying the series. Pastors representing the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, producers of the program, presented plaques to officials of almost 300 stations, citing their contributions to the religious life of their communities.

Recognizing the beneficial influence of the television industry on the nation's spiritual life is a fitting way of entering the fifth year of programming "This Is the Life," it was stated by Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, Chairman of the church's Television Committee. He pointed out that the church feels it should give credit to the TV industry since television is too often blamed for juvenile delinquency and other evils, yet is too seldom praised for public services such as presenting the universal message of God.

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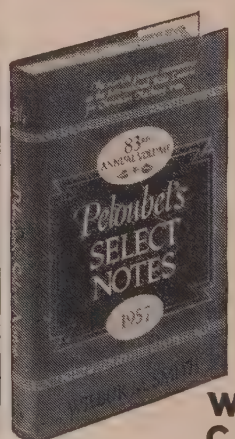

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mann said, "'This Is the Life' pioneered the use of the modern-day dramatic situation for an inspirational series. Four years later," he observed, "the program is on nearly 300 stations in the United States, Canada and Australia, and is available to over 98% of the nation's television homes."

Bertermann stated that careful study brought the decision to make use of the modern, dramatic story for each episode in the series. Not only was this form particularly suited to television and lent itself well to presentation of the Gospel message suitable to men of all faiths, he commented, but also there was a strong precedent in Jesus' use of the dramatic story as one of His favorite teaching methods.

"Our church believes that God has given the world the means of mass communication primarily for the spreading of His Gospel," Bertermann said. "We believe we would be remiss in our stewardship if we did not use them for God's work, and we are gratified to be joined by the television industry in this effort," he stated.

PRESS

Over 2,000 Attended Zondervan Open House

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The open house celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Zondervan Publishing House October 4 and 5 drew over 2,000 visitors.

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At the anniversary dinner held at the Pantlind Hotel, Dr. James H. Hunter, editor of the *Evangelical Christian*, and author of *Thine Is the Kingdom*, first prizewinner in Zondervan's $5,000.00 Christian Fiction Contest, received a special award as did Dr. Merrill F. Unger of Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, author of *Archeology and the Old Testament;* Mr. Kenneth Anderson, author of both adult and teenage fiction titles; Dr. F. J. Huegel, author of devotional books; and Miss Dena Korfker, author of children's books.

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Evangelical Magazine In Spanish Language

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Verbo's editor is Alejandro Clifford. Jose Bongarra is business manager. On the staff are such evangelical Christians as Niger Darling, former bank manager and publisher of two Argentine dailies, and Augusto Ericsson, experienced business man.

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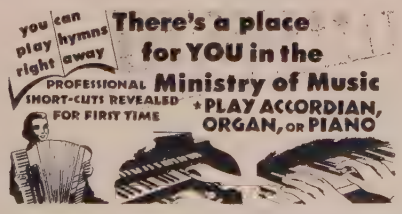

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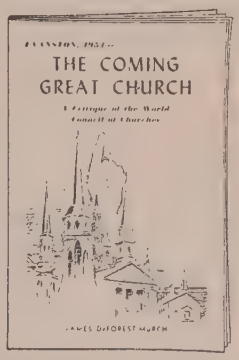

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WASHINGTON, D.C. —(RNS)— A new quarterly magazine dedicated to "spotlighting inter-church thinking on alcoholic problems" made its appearance here.

Called *Alcohol Education Digest* it is published by the National Materials Planning Council, affiliated with the National Temperance League. It will be distributed to Protestant ministers, Sunday school teachers and youth leaders. The initial press run was 20,000.

The first issue was edited by Rev. William J. Setzer, a Baptist minister of Jefferson City, Mo., who is executive director of the Christian Civic Foundation of Missouri.

Editor of the winter issue will be Roger Burgess, associate secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance. The spring issue will be handled by C. Aubrey Hearn, director of the study course, Training Union Department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Christmas Cards Return To Old Religious Themes

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Americans will be exchanging two billion greeting cards this season according to word from the greeting card manufacturers, and among the significant changes you will note when making your own selection this year, is the return of the religious theme to the Yule greeting cards.

In recent times, due to the cynicism brought about by World War II and the Korean conflict, religious cards have accounted for about five per cent of the total sold. This year the proportion of religious Christmas cards will be about twenty-five per cent.

Scenes of the Nativity, the Star of wise men, Madonna and Child, are among the most popular of this year's themes. Definitely on the way out, according to the trade, are the leering Santas, the mistletoe kissing scenes, and the war-like cannons belching forth fiery salvos of smoke which spell out "Merry Xmas."

Other than religious themes, the 1956 output will stress the traditional floral, candle and other traditional happy holiday symbols.

Two New Methodist Publications Issued

CHICAGO—(RNS)—The first issue of *Together,* new popular-type, mass-circulation Methodist monthly magazine, was published by the Methodist Publishing House here.

It replaces the 130-year-old *Christian Advocate,* a weekly journal devoted to church news and commentaries. The first issue of *The New Christian Advocate,* a monthly for ministers and lay leaders, made its appearance Oct. 1 as a replacement for *The Pastor,* nineteen-year-old Methodist magazine for ministers.

Some 700,000 copies of the initial (October) issue of *Together* were printed. *The New Christian Advocate* had a run of 50,000 copies.

Officials of the two publications said the combined press runs of 750,000 copies were almost three times the circulation of the magazines they replace. They added that the joint goal for the first year of publication is 1,000,000 subscribers.

WORLD-WIDE

India Bible Society Reports Large Gains

BANGALORE, India—(RNS)—Some portion of the Scriptures now exists in the tongues used by 98 per cent of India's population—from Abor Miri to Zangskari—according to the annual report of the Bible Society of India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

However, it pointed out that the remaining two per cent constitute seven million people, "approximately the population of Australia or half that of Canada."

The report said that 1955 had been a record year, with "greater cooperation from the churches, increased interest in the work of the society, the largest annual circulation of Scriptures since 1946, and support in contributions and donations higher than ever before."

An increase of nearly 100,000 in the distribution of Bibles, New Testaments and portions during the year was reported.

Circulation of Bibles rose from 49,817 to 77,652, of New Testaments from 52,445 to 69,473, and of smaller portions from 738,538 to 793,400.

The society drew special attention to its free Scripture gifts to high school and college graduates. Last year 11,150 graduates, mostly in Christian institutions, received copies of Gospels and Acts, and New Testaments with Psalms.

Church Building Halts Within East Germany

KARLSRUHE, Germany—(RNS)—Church building in the Soviet Zone is at a virtual standstill for lack of funds, Dr. Oskar Soehngen, vice-president of the Evangelical Union Church (formerly the Old Prussian Union Church) reported at the German Evangelical Congress for Church Construction here.

He said the eight Evangelical regional Churches in the Soviet Zone will have at their combined disposal next year a maximum of two million East Marks (about $120,000) for church construction and reconstruction purposes.

This compares with 76 million West Marks (about $18,000,000) spent last year for the same purpose by the Evangelical Church of the Rhineland (West Germany) alone.

French Protestants Hold Immense Rally

STRASBOURG, France—(RNS)—Church bells were rung throughout eastern France to mark the closing of a huge three-day rally of French Protestants here. The gathering was one of the largest Protestant meetings ever held in France.

More than 50,000 persons from all over the country attended the closing session on the fairgrounds here.

Purpose of the rally was to develop solidarity among the various Protestant denominations and give church members an opportunity to define their attitude and responsibilities as Christians towards national and international problems.

Speakers discussed family, social,

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Industrialist Asks Bible in Factories

WEST HARTFORD, Conn.—(RNS)—Albert S. Redway, president of the Connecticut Manufacturers Association, called upon its members to make Bibles available in the reception and recreation rooms of factories throughout the state.

He noted that Gideons International, a Bible-distributing society, would provide Bibles free of charge for such a purpose.

Mr. Redway is president of the Rockbestos Corporation of New Haven, Conn.

"I have observed in Connecticut industry," he said, "a growing emphasis on religious values. I hope that our action may be a positive step to introduce a great book to a new group of people, as well as hope, faith, and charity in the day-to-day lives of those who read it."

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Plan Distribution of Temperance Seals

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(RNS)—The National Temperance League announced here that it will print and distribute 7,500,000 Christmas seals carrying the slogan, "Christmas for Christ."

It is the largest printing order ever placed for the temperance seals, Rev. Clavton M. Wallace, director, reported.

The Methodist Board of Temperance, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and similar religious organizations will help distribute the seals.

This year's design shows a lighted church on one side, with worshipers entering and a bright star overhead, symbolic of the Star of Bethlehem. On the other side are two whisky bottles and glasses with a large "X" marked through them, indicating disapproval of liquor parties as a means of celebrating Christmas.

Lutherans Decry Hasty Action on Integration

BLUE ISLAND, Ill.—(RNS)—The American Lutheran Church warned its congregations against both "hasty action" and "inaction" in integrating members of several races or economic groups.

A statement adopted by the 14th biennial convention said:

"In any matter involving deeply felt emotions, even among sincere Christians, what is the soundest, most God-pleasing answer is not always immediately clear. Precipitate or ill-advised action—but also inaction—will weaken the ministry of the church."

It counseled "prayerful and sober discussion of the situation in the light of men's understanding of God's word if need be extending over a period of months or perhaps even several years."

But when the "path to travel becomes clear," the statement said, "action must follow even at the possible, if unlikely, risk of losing a few unconvinced dissenters to some other congregation."

The delegates defeated a motion to delete a section of the statement which said that Christ "did not seek to eliminate race and class differences."

"Christ lived and worked within the realities of the social structure of His day," the controversial section stated. "His goal was that the new spirit of God's love should govern the hearts and lives of members of every class and race.

"Thus would the normal human loyalties to race and class be given a nobler meaning. Race and class differences would become opportunities to serve personality needs and to enrich human life."

personalia

Paul B. Smith and his evangelistic party are experiencing great blessing in their New Zealand campaigns. They have just closed their mission in Wellington, the capital city, with hundreds responding to the Gospel invitation and volunteering for missionary service. Previously in Palmerston North 130 were converted and 323 young people volunteered for the mission field.

Ancel Allen was shot down while dropping Gospel portions from his plane in Las Pilitas, Mexico. He had recently come to the Air Mail for God Mission from Moody Bible Institute. He had dropped 55,000 Gospels in the five short weeks of his ministry.

C. Thomas Spitz, Jr., director of Pan American operations for the Lutheran Hour, is in Central America making contacts and promoting increased programing in the area.

Bruce Carter, president of Northeastern Oklahoma A. & M. College, has been selected as chairman of the Baptist Brotherhoods Commission, lay organization of Southern Baptists. He succeeds A. Roy Greene. Some 10,000 men are expected at the national conference at Oklahoma City in 1957.

David H. Adeney, missionary secretary of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship for the past three years, has gone to Hong Kong to work for CIM's Christian Witness Press. He will also visit evangelical student groups in the Orient.

Henry F. Schuh was reelected president of the American Lutheran Church at its fourteenth biennial convention at Blue Island, Ill., recently. Dr. Schuh was presented a gift of $2,500 in recognition of twenty-five years of service as an ALC official.

Dr. F. R. Birch, Wesleyan Methodist missionary leader, is confined to the Marion (Ohio) General Hospital for observation and treatment following a series of heart attacks at his home near Fairmount, Indiana. His condition is not considered unduly serious and will not incapacitate him for further services to the Church, He chose to be hospitalized in Marion, Ohio in order that he might be under the care of his son, Dr. Larry Birch.

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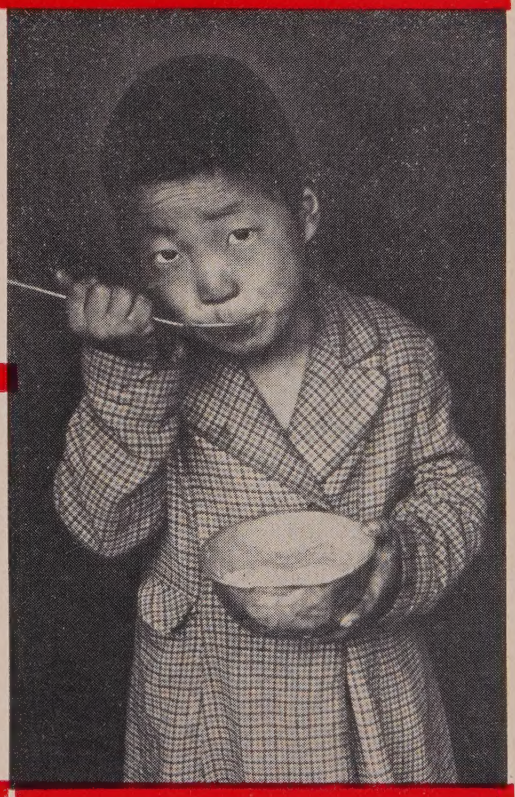

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